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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PLO, TC

SUBJ: UAE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS ISSUED TO PALESTINIANS

REF: ABU DHABI 1632 DTD NOVEMBER 25, 1974 AND PREVIOUS

1. AS STATED PARA 7 REFTTEL, EMBASSY OVER PAST THREE MONTHS HAS HAD PERIODIC CONTACT WITH MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS RE STATUS UAE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS ISSUED TO PALESTINIANS. WE HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY ASSURED THAT EFFORTS CONTINUING TO RETRIVE AND CANCEL THESE DOCUMENTS. WHILE VARIOUS EXPLANATIONS GIVEN FOR DELAY IN ACCOMPLISHING THIS TASK, IT APPEARED BOIL DOWN TO UAEG DEFERENCE TO PLO AND RESULTING EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS MANNER IN WHICH WHOLE MATTER HANDLED.

2. FINALLY, HOWEVER, ON MARCH 12 ABDULLA MAZRU'I, UNDER SECRETARY MFA AND MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS IN FIRST PLACE, CALLED DCM TO INFORM HIM THAT "13 OR 14" OF PASSPORTS HAD BEEN TURNED OVER BY PLO TO UAE AMBASSADOR IN DAMASCUS. MAZRU'I STATED FURTHER THAT REMAINING PASS-PORTS EXPECTED TO BE RETURNED IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. ON MARCH 14 DCM SAW MAZRU'I AT DINNER PARTY AND LATTER STATED THEN THAT REMAINING PASSPORTS HAD INDEED BEEN RETURNED AND THAT ALL FIFTEEN NOW IN CUSTODY UAEG AND WOULD BE CANCELLED. DCM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND NOTED ALL CONCERNED SHOULD BE PLEASED THIS MATTER NOW RESOLVED.

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3. COMMENT: AS REFLECTED IN ITS DEFERENTIAL HANDLING

THIS MATTER, UAEG HAS HARDLY CHANGED ITS PRO-PLO STANCE
DESPITE EMBARRASSMENT OVER THIS INCIDENT. WE DO BELIEVE,
HOWEVER, THAT FIFTEEN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS WHICH WERE
SUBJECT OF CONCERN LAST NOVEMBER HAVE NOW BEEN RETRIEVED.
HOPEFULLY, IN FUTURE, UAEG WILL DRAW LINE BEFORE GOING
THIS FAR IN SUPPORT OF PLO ACTIVITIES.
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